4. That a separate allotment be ear-marked in the annual budgets for the education of Pulaya children and special attention paid to see that the whole of such allotment was spent for the purpose during the year.

5. That special institutions be started solely for the teaching of handicrafts to the Pulaya children and provision made for free quarters for them.

6. That all State schools be thrown open to them.

7. That scholarships be awarded to a large number of Pulaya pupils every year.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

115. Exemption from payment of fees in the case of pupils belonging to the Kaniyar community.

Mr. N. Padmanabhan Vaidyan (Member, Nominated) thanked His Highness' Government for the half-fee concession granted last year to children of the Kaniyar community, but submitted that, in view of the poverty of the community, their backwardness in English education and the present high cost of education, they might be exempted from payment of fees altogether.

Dewan's reply.—Noted. At present, the privilege of full remission of fees has not been allowed to any community.

116. Need for the speedy completion of the Higher Grade English school for Boys at Kottar and the opening of a Lower Grade English school for Girls at Nagercoil.

Mr. D. Francis (Member, Nominated) said that the English High school at Kottar was situated amidst insanitary and unhealthy surroundings and that, on that account, the pupils were subject to different ailments. Another defect was the want of a well with wholesome and potable water. There were more than 100 boys who were using the brackish water, besides the teachers, when taking tiffin in the school. The site of the new building was a convenient one and was healthy from every point of view. He, therefore, prayed for the speedy completion of the new building. Another want of Nagercoil was a Government Girls' school for studying English. There was a Mission School, but people were unwilling to send their girls to that institution. There was ample scope for two English Girls' schools, just as there were two English schools for boys.

Dewan's reply.—Noted.

117. Desirability of raising the standard of the English school at Eraniel to the Sixth Form.

Mr. P. Krishna Pillai (Member, Eraniel taluk) represented that his request had been pressed at successive sessions of the Assembly from the 10th and that memorials too had been submitted to Government. Subsequent representations of a similar nature from other taluks had been favourably disposed of. Eraniel was in no way inferior to other taluks in point of revenue, population and other standards of importance. On the other hand the taluk had gained considerable importance on account of its monozite and other mineral resources, its trade in raw materials such as palmyra fibre, jaggery, etc. The institution was started 52 years ago as a Lower Grade English school. Though all facilities were available for higher forms being opened, the people's long-standing request remained unanswered. All the surrounding localities were crowded with habitations and there were enough students for higher forms, should they be opened.

Dewan.—If the people of Eraniel would agree to abide by the conditions fulfilled by other taluks similarly circumstanced, such as Kottarakara and Neyyattinkara, there would be no objection to raise the standard of the school by opening Form IV with the beginning of the next school year.

The Member requested to be furnished with a statement of the conditions to enable him to consult the people of the taluk and give a definite answer.

Dewan's reply.—The Member will be given a memo setting forth the conditions at once.

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